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TAGS: AORG, UNESCO (M'BOW, AMADOU MAHTAR)

SUBJECT: M'BOW'S VISIT TO U.S.

REF: STATE 085825

1. M'B M'BOW IS PRESENTLY IN SOUTH AMERICA AND WILL RETURN TO OFFICE THURSDAY MAY 2. HIS SCHEDULE WILL NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL THEN. HOWEVER, HIS OFFICE HAS INFORMED US THAT M'BOW HAS BEEN INVITED TO WORLD BANK ON FRIDAY MAY 10. HIS MEETINGS IN NEW YORK WOULD COMMENCE ON MONDAY MAY 13. AS SOON AS SCHEDULE CONFIRMED WILL CABLE EXACT ITINERARY. FOR INFO DEPT, BALLENTINE OF WORLD BANK HAS EXTENDED INVITATION. MAY BE WELL INQUIRE SCHEDULE OF WORLD BANK PROGRAM.

2. EITHER SMALL LUNCH OR RECEPTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR M'BOW. IF CALLED UPON TO MAKE STATEMENT OR ENGAGE IN SERIOUS DISCUSSION M'BOW WOULD LIKELY PREFER SPEAK IN FRENCH.

3. PERMREP WOULD SUGGEST EXPOSURE M'BOW TO AP-
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PROPRIATE MEMBERS CONGRESS, I.E. OF AFRICAN SUB-

COMMITTEE OR OTHERS INTERESTED IN UNESCO OR UN AFFAIRS. CONG THOMPSON OF NEW JERSEY ATTENDED LAST GEN CONF AND MAY BE INTERESTED KEEPING UP WITH UNESCO.

4. AS TO SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMING, IF TIME PERMITS AND DEPT DEEMS APPROPRIATE, SUGGEST FOLLOWING AS TALKING POINTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH M'BOW:

(A) U.S. POSITION ON BUDGET. THIS WILL LIKELY BE OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO M'BOW. HE IS AWARE OF GENERAL U.S. POSTURE FAVOR STRICT CONTROL OF BUDGET BUT FRANK DISCUSSION WITH BUDGET SPECIALIST MAY HELP FUTURE RELATIONS AND GIVE HIM REALISTIC ASSESSMENT FUTURE PROSPECTS.

(B) KEEPING POLITICS OUT OF UNESCO TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. THIS POINT CAN ALWAYS STAND REPEATING.

(C) HIS COMMIT COMMITMENT ON DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL SPOT AND EMPLOYMENT OF AMERICANS IN GENERAL WE ALWAYS WANT TO RE-EMPHASIZE.

5. M'BOW WILL LIKELY WISH TO RAISE POSSIBILITY OF VISIT TO U.S. FOLLOWING HIS ELECTION. HE MAY ALSO WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS ON AFRICAN POLITICAL ISSUES PARTICULARLY PORTUGUESE GUIENA. IRWIN

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